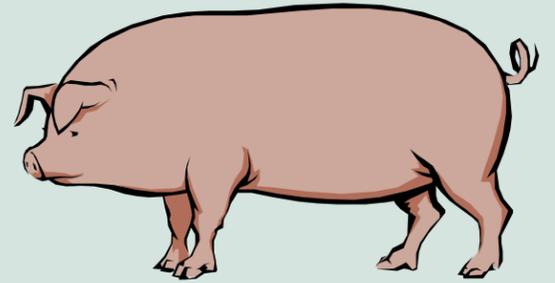




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Foot-and-Mouth Disease:

A Foreign Threat to Washington Livestock

Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) is a severe, highly communicable viral disease of cattle and swine. It also affects sheep, goats, deer, and other ruminants (cloven-hoofed, cud-chewing quadrupeds). FMD is not a threat to human health.



Excessive salivation and smacking of the lips are early signs of FMD.



Ruptured vesicle producing erosive lesion of the gum.



Ruptured vesicle on the dental pad.



A ruptured vesicle with blanching of tissue in the interdigital space.



Unruptured teat lesion on a cow.



Ruptured teat lesion with necrosis.



Tongue vesicles that have ruptured and begun to slough.

What you can do

You can back up Washington state's efforts against FMD by:

- ◆ Watching for excessive salivation, lameness, and other signs of FMD in your herd.
- ◆ Immediately reporting any unusual or suspicious signs of disease to your veterinarian, to your county WSU Extension office, or to our hotline:

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